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P.C.B. b. Knox Co 1805 one of 13 children
of Capt Robert Duntin and Mary
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T.C. at Carlisle, at Vincennes until 1840.

To White Co. Ill in 1840 then to Shawnee-
town for one year in hotel. Then
to T.N. - Greenville & in 1846 U. O.

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Gazette 1892 Son in Law Ed Gilbert - 1st wife Mar-
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one child was Wm. C. - 2d m. Nov 13, 1849 Emma

Steele dau of Wm. of Crawford Co. Ill. - Same 2d

^{Full} m. Ed. G. - Harry - David C. - Geo. Cass - Adlin.

In Sep. 1845 - Director of Savings Bank Jan 2, 1877
Pres of Bd Nov 6, 78 - All his time to Bank after
its removal to T.N. in 1883 -

Clerk to Commissioners

- Curtis Gilbert May 13, 1818 to Mar 1839
C. T. Noble Wells & Hamilton to 1851
Auditors 1864 R. H. Cornwall - 1866 Wm Paddock
1868 Saml. Royce 1878 Andrew Grimes
1886 Frank Armstrong 1851 Albert Lange
Semi-annual trustees Oct 4 & 3 of Wm C. Linton Nov. 1831
1830 Charles S. Taylor elected Sheriff
1842 Nathl Cunningham app. Treasurer.
Wells & Hamilton Auditor in 1841
1855 Lange reelected - 1859 Harvey W. North Treas.
1862 Charles Kern Sheriff - John D. Murphy Clerk
Robt. Allen Surveyor - R. H. Cornwall Auditor -
Oct 1858 W. P. elected State Treas. Resigned - J. H. N.
Keates app. to take office Feb. 8, 1859.
1862 Edw. B. Allen Auditor - June 9, 1866
Fred Stocker Coroner Resigned Wm H. May
app. 1867 R. H. Shepherd Treas.
Oct 1860 Joseph H. Blake elected Clerk
1867 Rufus W. Simpson Clerk..
1868 Martin Hollinger Clerk, Wm H.
Stewart Sheriff - Wm C. Rankin elected
Treas 1859 - James M. Santang 1871
Oct 1869 John Kiger elected Sheriff - Fred
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Apr 1871 Saml. Royce Auditor -
Oct 1874 Charles S. Rothman Treas -
June 1875 Rankin Treas as Treas.
Martin Hollinger Clerk in 1875 - Norton Rogers

Bunting House, Smith Johnston, proprietor
 e s 3d bet Ohio and Walnut (H. Dir. 1871)
 1872:3 Directory P.C. Bunting retired 924.87
 Bunting House W.W. Redford Prop.
 1874 W.C.B. real estate s e cor Main & 5th
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 1864 Directory P.C. Howe & L. Burnham Prop.
 1877 Caran House J.J. Caran Prop.
 78 St Charles House Mrs. J. Stunkard
 79-80-123 Mrs. Gerald Stunkard
 1884 P.W. Stunkard Prop.
 87 Emma J. 89 Robert W
 1904 Peyton House 1925

Jan 18, 65 Auditor auth to close
 contract with City for the ground
 upon which the Old Town Hall
 stands for \$850.00

Mar 28, 1865 Contract let to C.W.
 for \$24,050.00 to 500.00 for old T. Hall
 & 124,900 brick now on the ground
 at \$8.75 per M. 22/23 \$850.00 21/65

Whly Exp Wed Dec 19, 1864 Hooper Pine
 Eng sold for \$450.00 to town of Jasper, Ind.
 Jan 20 65 New drawbridge ready
 for use but no toll house. not to be
 used unless other bridge goes out.

Terre Haute Evening

SECOND
EDITION

TERRE HAUTE INDIANA, MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1892.

DEATH OF T. C. BUNTIN.

This Old Citizen Passes Peacefully Away.

A Sketch of a Long, Useful and Honorable Life.

A History Which is Almost Contemporaneous With That of the City.

An ten minutes past three o'clock this morning Mr. Tossaint C. Buntin passed peacefully away at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gilbert at Gilbert Place, of heart failure. He was conscious almost up to the last. As the end drew near he lifted his face slightly, and softly exclaimed, "Oh." It was all over. He had quietly entered into Rest.

Mr. Buntin occupied his desk as President of the Terre Haute Savings Bank up till Wednesday, December 23rd, when he went to the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Edward Gilbert, where the two families have been living for some time. He was suffering with la grippe and went to bed. He did not afterward leave his room, although he once or twice sat up. He seemed despondent from the first, fearing heart trouble, and yet he received his family and most intimate friends and at times indulged in pleasantries with them.

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During the early life of Mr. Buntin, the subject of this sketch, the advantages for procuring an education were very meagre, his education having been attained

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THE RAILROADS.

That Aranzas Pass Strike Spreading.

If Not Stopped Within Twenty-Four Hours.

It is Likely to Spread Like a Conflagration Over the Southwest.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 11.—The strike situation looks gloomier than ever. The failure of the conference between the management of the Aranzas Pass railroad and the representatives of strikers to accomplish satisfactory results has tended to widen the breach and the belief is general here that if in 48 hours some agreement is not reached the employees of the other roads centering here who pledged the strikers support will tie up those roads rather than handle coal or freight of the Aranzas Pass. The situation is gradually tending toward that point where either war or peace must prevail. The railways centering here have notified their employees that under the law railway companies are compelled to handle each others business and the employees have notified the company that they will not handle the Aranzas Pass supplies or freight.

If a settlement is not reached the tie up which will likely be the result bids fair to out rival the general strike of eight years ago. The federation committee from Yoakum expected here this morning and will on arrival meet representatives of several principal organizations represented in the federation. This conference is likely to be an extended one as well as a most important one.

"The Vandalia," says the Indianapolis Journal, "will spend \$200,000 this year in improving its dock facilities at St. Joseph. The recent purchase of river front made by the company is looked upon by those who understand the situation as a master stroke. When the Vandalia proposed to establish good dock facilities at that point the river-front property was placed at such exorbitant figures as to make it impracticable to make any move in that direction, but eighteen months of indifference on the part of the Vandalia management so mellowed the views of the owners of such property that it was finally secured on very reasonable terms.

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REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

Well Attended Meetings in Most of the Precincts on Saturday Night.

The Republicans held their primaries on Saturday night. The object of the meetings was to elect county committeemen and to choose delegates to the district convention next Saturday.

As there is still a good deal of ignorance as to the new ward boundaries, the GAZETTE reproduces on another page the diagram. The result of the Saturday meetings in the different wards and townships was as follows:

First ward.—Met at H. Robinson's stable. A. N. Maples chairman, and A. M. Higgins, secretary.

Delegates: Thatcher Barker and William Phillips; alternates, Chadway Deming and John L. Gordon.

Committeeman.—George H. Hebb. Second ward.—Met at Adam Treusel's office. Chairman, Capt. J. W. Haley; secretary, A. Harwine.

Delegates.—Marion Cauthorn, A. Harwine and Nelson Record.

Committeeman.—Matthew Boner.

Third ward H. H. Copeland was chairman and F. H. Cooper, secretary. H. H. Copeland and Thomas Johnson were elected delegates to the district convention, with John Weinbrecht and H. Elliott as alternates. Will Dorsey was made committeeman.

Fourth ward.—Met at Pot's carriage shop. Chairman, Wm. Athon; secretary, J. E. Piety.

Delegates.—C. W. Brown, F. W. Hayward and Jos. Clay; alternates, W. W. Rumsey, M. C. Routzahn and John G. Piety.

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The Republicans of the Seventh ward met at Lewis' livery stable. D. C. Graher presided and George M. Allen acted as secretary. F. C. Donaldson, J. A. Bromble and S. M. Huston were elected district delegates and John Lewis, E. P. Westfall and P. N. Staff alternates. W. C. Leibel was chosen ward committeeman.

The primary of the Eighth ward gathered at Rockwell's livery stable. Otto Burgett was elected chairman and J. G. Elder secretary. Otto Burgett, Dr. E. L. Larkins and James Hook were elected delegates to the district convention and Wm. Reeves, J. G. Elder and James Mattox, alternates. D. P. Dawns was chosen committeeman.

The Ninth ward gathering of the faithful was at Neff's shop. Councilman Aubury was placed in the chair and J. D. Jones was secretary. J. D. Jones and A. Neff were elected delegates to the district convention; Jabez Aubury and C. Carnes alternates. Edward O'Neil was elected committeeman.

George Grimes was in the chair in the Tenth ward and G. W. Miller was selected as secretary. W. E. Burns, Levi G. Benson and Robert Logan were chosen delegates to the district convention; H. Brice, Frank Gossell and F. C. V. Park

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Mr. Buntin's humor was unfailing, his temper mild and forgiving, his affections warm and his political and religious convictions tenaciously adhered to. All his life long he was a useful member of the Methodist church. For many years he taught in the Sunday school and since the foundation of Centenary has been one of the most regular attendants at its services and the faithful guardian of its property and interests.

He was a useful citizen, a steadfast friend, an affectionate father and a devoted husband.

Mr. Buntin was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Margaretta Clippenger, a sister of Dr. George W. Clippenger. Mr. William C. Buntin is the sole living issue of this marriage, another having died in infancy.

After the death of his first wife, Mr. Buntin was on Nov. 18, 1849, united in marriage to Miss Emma Steele, daughter of Wm. Steele, a farmer of Crawford Co., Ill., who came west from Philadelphia, and at one time, operated stores in Terre Haute, Eugene and Hintonville and was well known here in early days.

The children of Mr. Buntin's second marriage who survive him are Mrs. Edward Gilbert, Mr. Harry Buntin of Bushnell, Ill., Mr. David C. Buntin of Duluth, Minn., and Messrs. George, Cam and Rollin Buntin of this city.

The six sons will be the pall bearers at the funeral tomorrow afternoon.

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A meeting of the directors of the Savings Bank will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock to take suitable action on the death of Mr. Buntin.

"THE PRAIRIE HOUSE."

Mr. Buntin's Successful Operation of the Hotel.

Theron Barum, of Baltimore, was the first manager of the Prairie House, which was built by Chancey Rose, then considered away out of town, but although Mr. Barum made a splendid start and kept such a superior house he signally failed to make any money and a year after he left the house (as Mr. Gould ran the house in the interim) Mr. Rose concluded to close the house. This he did on May 1, 1841. The carpets were all rolled up and put away in iron bound boxes and all the plate, table linen etc., was stored in rooms securely locked and there it stayed for eight long years, till May 1, 1849, when the house was reopened under the management of T. C. Buntin, the subject of this sketch.

Until he retired in 1871 and made a successful real estate man and abstractor of titles and later became a bank president of exceptional ability, Mr. Buntin was thought by his friends to be a hotel man exclusively—one of those men who are not adapted to anything else. This was because he was so perfectly fitted to the business. He was a typical landlord.

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The Terre Haute Brewing company has just received a lot of new box cars from the Terre Haute Car and Manufacturing company which it has sent out over the country. The cars are of orange color and are very handsome.

The advisory board of the Western Traffic Association will be in session in New York Tuesday. The principal business is the matter of salary. Chairman Walker's salary will be reduced, by the terms of the agreement, from \$25,000 per annum to \$12,000 per annum.

It is stated officially that the annual report of the Baltimore and Ohio Northwestern road, for its present fiscal year, will show the largest business and earnings which the road has had in its history. Both the passenger and freight departments show handsome gains.

Dr. Graves Must Hang.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 11.—Judge Rising this morning denied the motion of Dr. Graves' counsel in arrest of judgment and sentenced the condemned man to be hanged within the two weeks beginning Jan. 31.

Wm. Matthews called at the GAZETTE office this morning to say that he did not go to the insane asylum. He has had the grip and was out of his head and the papers to send him to the asylum were gotten out but he got better and is now all right and will be about his regular business tomorrow.

A native of Shelby, Ind., visited this city Saturday. He was about forty years of age and in possession of all his faculties, but he had never rode on a railway train before. His explanation of the impressions of his first ride amused the crowd at the depot all afternoon.

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The primary in the Fifth ward was held at Thomas' blacksmith shop. J. Q. Burton was chosen chairman and R. J. H. Hinton, secretary. James H. Hilly, John V. and Alex. Canthorn were elected delegates to the district convention. Charles Abbott, John Trogon and Charles Kristenstein were elected alternates and D. J. Stunkard committeeman.

Sixth ward was chairman of the Sixth ward primary and Henry H. Hinton, secretary. A. B. Salisch and W. B. Piger were elected district delegates and Robert Hines and Newton Adams alternates. Q. M. Bartlett was elected committeeman.

The Republicans of the Seventh ward met at Lewis' livery stable. D. C. Grader, president and George M. Allen, acted as secretary. F. C. Donaldson, S. A. Bromble and S. M. Huston were elected district delegates and John Lewis, E. P. Wentfall and P. N. Staff alternates. W. C. Isbell was chosen ward committeeman.

The primary of the Eighth ward gathered at Rockwell's livery stable. Otto Burgett was elected chairman and J. G. Elder secretary. Otto Burgett, Dr. E. L. Larkins and James Hook were elected delegates to the district convention and Wm. Reeves, J. G. Elder and James Mattox, alternates. D. P. Dawes was chosen committeeman.

The Ninth ward gathering of the faithful was at Nohl's shop. Councilman Ashbury was placed in the chair and J. D. Jones was secretary. J. D. Jones and A. Nehl were elected delegates to the district convention; James Ashbury and C. Carnes alternates. Edward O'Neil was elected committeeman.

George Grimes was in the chair in the Tenth ward and G. W. Miller was selected as secretary. W. E. Burns, Levi G. Benson and Robert Logan were chosen delegates to the district convention; H. Briggs, Frank Gosnell and F. C. V. Farle, alternates. Dr. A. J. Thompson was elected committeeman.

James Kersey and Ura A. Johnson were elected as delegates to the district convention from Otter Creek township; Geo. Stevenson and C. C. Niece alternates. James M. Crabb was elected committeeman.

David M. Solomon was chosen committeeman of Harrison township; Chas. Steward and W. P. Brown, delegates; Jackson Wyeth and James Borgan, alternates.

J. T. Crandell was chairman of the Honey Creek primary while O. L. McCoskey was secretary. O. L. McCoskey and J. Blockson were elected district delegates and Jasper Harbee and Huston Woodhull, alternates. W. H. Joalin was elected committeeman.

COL. THOMPSON AT CHICAGO.

The fourth National convention of the Republican party met at Chicago on May 20, 1868. Col. R. W. Thompson was a distinguished member of the convention. He was one of the two gentlemen selected to escort Temporary Chairman Carl Schurz to the chair, and he was also chairman of the committee on resolutions and reported the platform of the party to the convention. Grant was nominated, and Col. Thompson and the Indiana delegation came home pleased that Schuyler Colfax, an Indiana man, had been given second place on the ticket. A Grant and Colfax ratification meeting was held on May 27 at the court house square. Speeches on that occasion were delivered by Col. Thompson and Col. W. E. McLean.

Naturalized.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11.—The first Chinaman ever naturalized in Schuylkill county has received his papers. He is Po Yuen of Ashland, where he engaged in the laundry business. He is 24 years of age and has been in this country 17 years.

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DEATH OF T. C. BUNTIN.

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 Away.

Sketch of a Long, Useful and
 Honorable Life.

A History Which is Almost Con-
 temporaneous With That of
 the City.

An ten minutes past three o'clock this morning Mr. Toussaint C. Buntin passed peacefully away at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gilbert at Gilbert Place, of heart failure. He was conscious almost up to the last. As the end drew near he lifted his face slightly, and softly exclaimed, "Oh." It was all over. He had quietly entered into Rest.

Mr. Buntin occupied his desk as President of the Terre Haute Savings Bank up till Wednesday, December 23rd, when he went to the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Edward Gilbert, where the two families have been living for some time. He was suffering with la grippe and went to bed. He did not afterward leave his room, although he once or twice sat up. He seemed despondent from the first, fearing heart trouble, and yet he received his family and most intimate friends and at times indulged in pleasantry with them.

On Saturday night, about 7 o'clock he had an attack of heart failure, and though he rallied the attending physician—Dr. L. J. Willien—notified the family that a recurrence would carry him off. If the heart failure did not return he believed his patient would recover.

Shortly before three o'clock this morning the second attack came.

All of the members of his family were with him at the last excepting Davis Buntin who arrives tonight from Duluth. Harry reached here at midnight last night from Bushnell, Ill.

Notice of the funeral, which will take place at 2 p. m. tomorrow, is given elsewhere in this issue.

A sketch of a long and useful life is given at the conclusion of this article which would be most incomplete without a tribute to the memory of a valued citizen.

Although he was in the Abstract of Title business for several years and of recent years a banker, holding the responsible position of president of that great institution The Terre Haute Savings Bank, yet it is as landlord that Mr. Buntin will remain most permanently in the memories and affections of all the older citizens.

He was a landlord of the best of the old fashioned type. His portly figure—at one time he weighed 325 pounds—his genial smile, his ready wit, his fondness for a good story and his ability to tell one, all peculiarly adapted him to the position of mine host. Fond of good living himself, and filled with the old-fashioned spirit of hospitality he made his guest his friend and saw that every comfort within reason was provided. With what enthusiasm do all the guests of the Buntin House and Prairie House (Terre Haute) under his management, recall, not alone the abundance of well cooked food, but the hospitality and geniality of the landlord himself!

It was under Mr. Buntin's management of the Prairie House that Mr. Rose, the proprietor, first introduced omnibuses in Terre Haute for the benefit of passengers on the canal boats and those day boarders who thought the distance too great to walk to the hotel for meals.

Mr. Buntin's humor was unfailing, his temper mild and forgiving, his affections warm and his political and religious convictions tenaciously adhered to. All his life long he was a useful member of the Methodist church. For many years he taught in the Sunday school and since the foundation of Centenary has been one of the most regular attendants at its services and the faithful guardian of its property and interests.

He was a useful citizen, a steadfast friend, an affectionate father and a devoted husband.

Mr. Buntin was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Margaretta Clippenger, a sister of Dr. George W. Clippenger. Mr. William C. Buntin is the sole living issue of this marriage, another having died in infancy.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Buntin was on Nov. 13, 1849, united in marriage to Miss Emma Steele, daughter of Wm. Steele, a farmer of Crawford Co., Ill., who came west from Philadelphia and, at one time, operated stores in Terre Haute, Eugene and Hutsonville and was well known here in early days.

The children of Mr. Buntin's second marriage who survive him are Mrs. Edward Gilbert, Mr. Harry Buntin of Bushnell, Ill., Mr. Davis C. Buntin of Duluth, Minn., and Messrs. George, Cam and Rollin Buntin of this city.

The six sons will be the pall bearers at the funeral tomorrow afternoon.

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

His Life Was in Part the Early History of Terre Haute.

Toussaint C. Buntin was born in Knox county, Indiana, in September, 1815, and was the last survivor of a family of thirteen children. His father was a native of the north of Ireland and was a brother to Lord Baltimore, who, being the oldest child, inherited the title and estates under the English law. At the age of twelve Mr. Buntin's father emigrated to the United States and in after years became the personal friend of Captain Bradford, who fell in battle at the defeat of St. Clair, Ohio. After Captain Bradford was shot he gave to Captain R. Buntin, Mr. Buntin's father, his sword and at the same time gave him instructions verbally as to the disposition of his property. Two years afterward (in 1793) Captain Buntin, Mr. Buntin's father, became a resident of Vincennes, where he married Miss Mary Shannon, whose family had settled at that place as early as 1785.

During the early life of Mr. Buntin, the subject of this sketch, the advantages for procuring an education were very meagre, his education having been attained

PRINCIPALLY THROUGH BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.

While still a boy he entered the store of his father-in-law, who was engaged in business at Carlisle, Sullivan county. He remained with him until he had grown to man's estate and then returned to Vincennes, where he continued in the mercantile business for a time. In 1840 Mr. Buntin went to Grayville, White county, Illinois, where he engaged in business in company with a Mr. Allison, the firm name being Buntin & Allison.

From Grayville Mr. Buntin went to Shawneetown, Ill., and for a year was engaged in the hotel business there. From Shawneetown he came to Terre Haute, then went to Greencastle, and in 1846 went to New Orleans, Louisiana,

manent resident of Terre Haute. He became a clerk under the late Jacob D. Early and afterward opened the Prairie House, now the Terre Haute House, which had been closed for eight years. The Prairie House he managed for about three years and then opened the Buntin House (now the St. Charles House) on Third street in 1852. He remained proprietor of the Buntin House till 1861, when he gave up hotel keeping and entered the army as quartermaster of the Fourteenth Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, three years service, under Col. Kimball.

After a year's service Mr. Buntin was COMMISSIONED CAPTAIN

and assistant quartermaster and assigned to Gen. Kimball's staff, Col. Kimball having been made a General. Mr. Buntin served in the army four years and a month and left the service at Paducah, Ky., where he removed after three years after being mustered out of the service. Mr. Buntin then returned to Terre Haute, took charge of the Terre Haute House, became a member of the hotel company and for three years, up till 1871, was proprietor of the Terre Haute House. In 1871 he purchased the Vigo abstract office.

On January 2, 1877, Mr. Buntin was elected a trustee of the Terre Haute Savings bank and was chosen its president on November 6, 1878. Mr. Buntin did not devote all his time to the bank till 1883, when the bank removed to the new building it now occupies at Sixth and Ohio streets. Mr. Buntin sold his abstract office later. He was superintendent of the Asbury Sunday school for about fifteen years prior to the erection of Centenary church and at a time when Mrs. Col. R. W. Thompson, now also deceased, was the principal teacher of the school.

When the Centenary church was built Mr. Buntin joined that church and was a

TRUSTEE OF CENTENARY

up till the time of his death. The deceased was a member of Terre Haute Lodge No. 19, F. and A. M., and the only life insurance he carried was in the Masonic Mutual. Mr. Buntin was the Republican candidate for County Clerk in the full election of 1872 (the Greeley year) and was defeated by Martin Hollinger, who was then running for a second term.

A meeting of the directors of the Savings Bank will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock to take suitable action on the death of Mr. Buntin.

"THE PRAIRIE HOUSE."

Mr. Buntin's Successful Operation of the Hotel.

Theron Barnum, of Baltimore, was the first manager of the Prairie House, which was built by Chancey Rose, then considered away out of town, but although Mr. Barnum made a splendid start and kept such a superior house he signally failed to make any money and a year after he left the house (a Mr. Gould ran the house in the interim) Mr. Rose concluded to close the house. This he did on May 1, 1841. The carpets were all rolled up and put away in iron bound boxes and all the plate, table linen etc., was stored in rooms securely locked and there it stayed for eight long years, till May 1, 1849, when the house was reopened under the management of T. C. Buntin, the subject of this sketch.

Until he retired in 1871 and made a successful real estate man and abstractor of titles and later became a bank president of exceptional ability, Mr. Buntin was thought by his friends to be a hotel man exclusively—one of those men who are not adapted to anything else. This was because he was so perfectly fitted to the business. He was a typical landlord.

His genial, kindly face was a cordial welcome and his pleasant manners at

once completed the favorable impression. All the guests liked Mr. Buntin. There were no small dining room tables then. One long table with the rosy-checked, good-natured landlord at the head, carving with rare skill the game or poultry made the wayfarers feel that the Prairie House was a fine old English home and Mr. Buntin the head of the family.

The Prairie House was then one of the most famous hotels of the west. The elite of the city who boarded at all lived there. Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Donaldson went to live there shortly after their marriage. Judge and Mrs. Deming also lived at the Prairie House as bride and groom. There were besides many bachelor guests who have since become prominent in business circles.

Mr. Buntin used to tell a good story about how call bells came to be put in at the hotel. For some time there were none. Mr. Rose did not believe in them, but when the railroad was being built there was an English capitalist here to look after the property. He was Mr. Rose's guest at the hotel and was a very fussy, hard to please man.

He was given the best room in the house, but had not been settled there long before he wanted something. He walked about the room for a bell and when he failed to find one he went, half-dressed, to a stairway and swore like a captain in the army of Flanders. It created a great uproar. Call bells were put in the next day.

At that time just preceding the opening of the railroad to Terre Haute,

THE CANAL PACKETS

were highly important to the hotel men. Mr. Buntin said he sent his omnibuses regularly to the big basin near Johns' mill. Approaching the basin the packet horses on the tow path were put into a run and just as the basin was reached the lines were loosened and the boat swung gracefully around to the wharf from the momentum acquired.

"My first object," said Mr. Buntin, was to get hold of the Captain before any of the rival hotels and take him to the Prairie House, where he was entertained in great style so he would electioneer for our house."

When Mr. Buntin kept the house the dining room was located where the parlors are now on Seventh street. The present dining room was divided into a number of sleeping rooms of considerable size, opening out on the court yard.

Mr. Buntin and his family lived in some of these rooms. Just across the court were the apartments of J. Richard Beste, the Englishman who wrote the book about Terre Haute. Mr. Buntin said he remembered Beste distinctly. He was a tall, dark Englishman and his wife was of huge proportions. When they left the hotel the family completely filled one omnibus. Four or five dray loads of baggage were taken to the canal packet for them.

THERE WERE NO BILLS OF FARE.

The dining room boys were told by the head waiter what there was for dinner and they repeated it to the guests with bewildering rapidity. Mr. Buntin worked hard for three years at the hotel and only made \$300. It was in 1853, after Mr. Buntin left, that Mr. Rose changed the name of the hotel from the Prairie House to the Terre Haute House because he thought the name conveyed too much the thought that the hotel was located away out on the commons.

BESTE'S BOOK.

What an Englishman Wrote About Mr. Buntin and his Hotel.

There was published in London in 1855 two volumes of American travel. The first "The Wabash; or Adventures of an English Gentleman."

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second volume is devoted to Terre Haute. There are only three or four copies of this work in this city. Mr. Beste sailed for America in May, 1851, reached Terre Haute on June 29th, remained here for six weeks until the middle of August, all of which time was spent at the Terre Haute House, then called the Prairie House and kept by Mr. C. Buntin, the subject of this sketch. In the book, is always referred to Mr. Buntin. Terre Haute was then a town of but little over 4,000 inhabitants and his minute description, colored, of course, by his English prejudices and point of view, are highly interesting. Besides his wife he was accompanied by even children, one of whom died and was buried here.

Mr. Beste tells about his first day in Terre Haute on Sunday, June 29th, 1851: "At one o'clock the hateful gong sounded through the Prairie House, and all went to dinner. The eating room was of handsome dimensions, well lighted by a row of windows on each side. The tables were laid out with great neatness and propriety, and from fifty to one hundred people were seated at them. These were of a class far superior to what I had expected to find here and a few of them were evidently genteel birth and education.

MR. BUNTIN, OUR FAT LANDLORD, dressed in the height of fashion, and carrying knife and fork in hand, politely guided us to our places; and then took his own stand at the side table, bobbed under a profusion of air-kissed joints. One respectable black negro waiter was in the room with ten or twelve boys. The dinner was, however, what in England would be called an excellent plain dinner. It was very liberally supplied and the whole was very well dressed. I felt a craving for something to warm my inside and feed for wine. It was not usually taken in the house, and, except champagne, Mr. Buntin had only one or two bottles, of a quality of which he knew nothing. He brought me a bottle of excellent Sauterne. In the afternoon we selected our apartments in the hotel.

When we chose upon the ground floor, really. We had a sitting room to ourselves which

LOOKED UPON A SPACE OF GROUND, but unbuilt on, between the inn and the Terre Haute, and which at present, before, was an airy, open, grassy plain; on the other side of the passage, opposite the sitting room door, was a large bed room, looking into the dining court, built round on three sides of the hotel. The ranting voice of a ranting preacher was still audible in a large church on the opposite side of the commons. I lay down on my bed, but our children were at vesper. (Mr. Beste was a Roman Catholic.) Two or three yellow mastiff bull dogs were tumbling about the grass under the window; all dogs in these remote states, they were very large, owing, I believe, to their having been stunted in fresh meat. A telegraph wire, which was intended to have accompanied our every step from New York (they came by train) through town, through forest, or lake and over prairie,

ANNEXED THE OPEN SPACE FROM SIDE TO SIDE—

riding along on its huge unknown poles and then losing itself amid the buildings yond. * * I inquired the name of the medical practitioner in the place and after some discussion between my hosts they decided that a Dr. Read held the highest rank in public estimation. Mr. Buntin had been inclined to regard a relation of his, but Mr. Beste insisted that Dr. Read was a great scholar in these

Isabel, one of the daughters, died at the hotel and nearly all the boarders, including Mr. Buntin, attended the services at the Catholic church.

"About 8 o'clock in the morning," wrote one of Mr. Beste's daughters, "I went to the window and saw.

ON THE SILL OF MR. BUNTIN'S WINDOW, which was opposite ours, on the other side of the yard, but on the ground floor, a head lying on its back. I could not imagine how it got there unless it was severed from the body, and it being so severed I thought it strange that the murderer would have left it on the window sill. As the daylight increased I discovered in the head the features of Mr. Buntin himself. I was horror-stricken and was going to alarm with cries of real murder when the daylight streaming into the room showed me a bedstead placed as near as possible to the window with the pillow laid upon the window sill. This was evidently the landlord's way of keeping his head cool during the summer nights and I afterwards saw it there quite frequently."

REASONABLE CHARGES BY MR. BUNTIN.

"I paid my bill," writes Mr. Beste, "at the Prairie House. Five dollars a week was charged for each grown up person for board, lodging and attendance. The charge for the servant was half that amount. Two dollars and a half, or ten shillings per week, was charged for a horse. Mr. Buntin added the moderate charge of four dollars for the extra lights and expenses occasioned by illness in my family. Thus, then, for about twenty shillings per week a man may be well lodged and fed on the fat of the land in the western states of America. And he it observed that Indianapolis and Terre Haute are not decaying, but are busy, thriving, rising towns. The population of Indianapolis was 2,692 in 1840 and in 1850 it had risen to 8,034; that of Terre Haute in the same period rose from 2,000 to 4,051." *Nov. 11, 1872*

AUDUBON.

Monument Unveiled to the Great Naturalist.

NEW YORK, April 26—The monument which has been built to perpetuate the memory of John James Audubon, the American naturalist, was unveiled this afternoon in Trinity cemetery, Boulevard and One hundred and fifty third street, in the presence of many members of scientific societies from different parts of the country.

The monument, which is of blue stone, was constructed from contributions received from scientists all over the United States and cost \$10,000. It stands near the entrance of the Audubon family vault, at a point in the cemetery on one hundred and fifty-fifth street directly opposite Audubon Park, which was once the residence and estate of the famous naturalist.

Addresses by leading scientists formed the principal feature of the unveiling.

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DAVID S. DANALDSON DEAD.

For Nearly Sixty Years an Honored Resident of Terre Haute.

Dying at the Age of More Than Eighty-Five Years.

He Started the First Daily Newspaper in Terre Haute in 1851.

Incidents of His Early Newspaper Career—Press Rivalry Those Days.

Brought Up in the Dry Goods Business—City Clerk of the Old Corporation for Many Years.

David S. Danaldson, the pioneer resident of Terre Haute, died last evening at 7 o'clock at his residence, 101 north Seventh street, at the advanced age of nearly 86 years, which he would have attained if he had lived till next March. Although the death of this venerable



and honored citizen had been expected daily for some weeks, past yet the announcement of his death cannot but produce a profound shock in a community where for more than half a century he has been a prominent figure. Coming to Terre Haute at a day when it was a mere village he has at all times been identified with its progress and its growth. His life went out peacefully and quietly, as gently as it had been spent.

David S. Danaldson was born March 2, 1809, on a farm in Clark county, Kentucky, five miles north of Winchester. In 1830 Mr. Danaldson made a drawing of the farm on which he was born, which was of 554 acres, in which he gave the location of the house, the orchard, the spring, the lane, the various gates, the location of the canewood, the schoolhouse, etc. This map is before the writer of this sketch and it shows the maker of it at his advanced

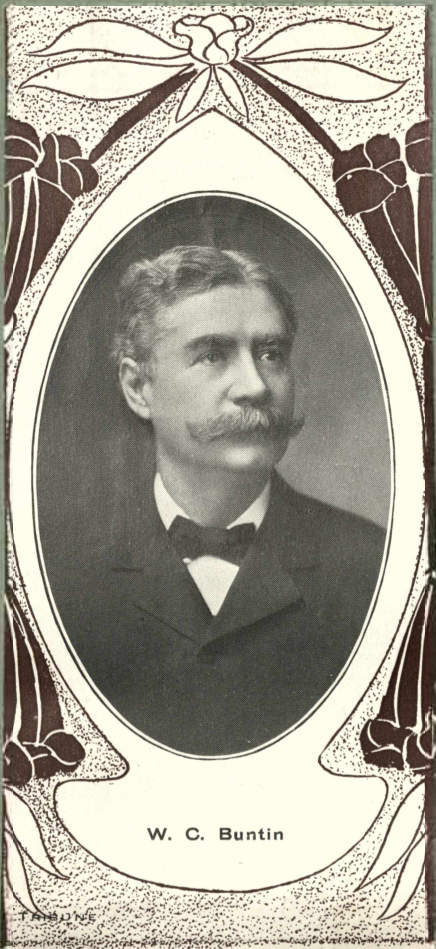
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